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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Kevin J. Ward

Serial No.: 08/905,130

Filed: 1 August 1997

For: **MULTILAYER FORMING FABRIC
WITH STITCHING YARN PAIRS INTEGRATED
INTO PAPERMAKING SURFACE**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 18 NOVEMBER 1998

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated 18 November 1998. Please amend the claims as follows. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1 and 2.

3. (amended) [The papermaker's fabric defined in Claim 2,] A papermaker's fabric, comprising top machine direction yarns, top cross machine direction yarns, bottom machine direction yarns, bottom cross machine direction yarns, and sets of first and second stitching yarns, said fabric being formed in a plurality of repeating units, each of said repeating units comprising:

a set of top machine direction yarns;

a set of top cross machine direction yarns interwoven with said set of top machine direction yarns;

a set of bottom machine direction yarns;

a set of bottom cross machine direction yarns interwoven with said set of bottom machine direction yarns;

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